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Kids raise \$513 for society

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

The depot chapter of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society received a unique donation Nov. 3 from a group of La Jolla, Calif., children.

Eight kids ranging from 3 to 11 years old donated \$513 to NMCRS after they threw a block party in their La Jolla neighborhood in late September.

“Normally, we get donations by check from service members,” said Michael R. Brown, chapter director. “The donation from the children is unique and refreshing.”

According to Brown, the kids’ parents wanted to teach them about community involvement. The kids decided they wanted to “help the soldiers,” as one little girl put it. They brainstormed with their parents and decided on a block party.

The party was free of charge with refreshments and an inflatable moon bouncer for the kids. The parents made sure the guests knew where the donations were going.

The kids presented the check to Brown in a ceremony, and Brown gave everyone NMCRS lapel pins, which the kids wore right away.

“It’s nice to know that parents are still teaching good values,” said Cpl. Suzanne Garris, a Marine Band San Diego saxophonist and Service Company, Headquarters and Service Bn., NCO of the quarter. She assisted in the ceremony.

“It’s great that local communities still show us support,” she said.

Brown said that while this is not the biggest donation, it is just as meaningful because of the work and heart behind it.

“It’s always good when civilian, not military communities support the troops,” he said. “We don’t do much publicity outside the military, so donations like this just make you feel good.”



Eight La Jolla, Calif., children between 3 and 11 years old raised \$513 for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society because they wanted to support America’s troops. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

PARALLEL DIPS



Pvt. Dagoberto Martinez, Platoon 2017, joins his fellow Company G recruits in the parallel dip portion of the 2.5-mile strength and endurance course days before taking the final physical fitness test. *Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron*

Top recruiters honored

BY SGT. JIMMIE PERKINS
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Marine Corps Recruiting Command recognized its top performers in recruiting for fiscal 2004 in two ceremonies at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Nov. 2.

The 2004 Recruiter of the Year, Staff Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Prior Service Recruiter of

the Year, and Transitional Recruiter of the Year were recognized for their roles in ensuring MCRC accomplished its annual recruiting mission for the ninth consecutive year.

“Recruiting is the toughest job outside of combat, and our recruiters are the reason we are successful on the battlefield,” said Brig. Gen. Walter Gaskin, MCRC command-

ing general. “So today we must thank them for their contribution to the future success of our Corps.”

The winners in the four categories were selected from finalists for each of MCRC’s six recruiting districts. For Recruiter of the Year and Prior Service Recruiter of the Year, honors included meritorious promotions.

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AWARD FINALISTS

TRANSITIONAL RECRUITERS

Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Donald, Eastern Recruiting Region
Staff Sgt. Komisi Faramino, Western Recruiting Region

SNCOICs

Gunnery Sgt. Sean E. Spatar, 1st District
Gunnery Sgt. Mark Baker, 4th District
Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Aviles, 6th District
Gunnery Sgt. Shawn A. Pickell, 8th District
Gunnery Sgt. Lonnelle V. Jones, 9th District
Gunnery Sgt. Michael J. Reilly, 12th District

RECRUITERS

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Lanski, 1st District
Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Locke II, 4th District
Staff Sgt. Patrick S. Miller, 6th District
Staff Sgt. Beau A. Yaddie, 8th District
Staff Sgt. Jose C. Vasquez, 9th District
Staff Sgt. Jonathan E. Flick, 12th District

PRIOR SERVICE RECRUITERS

Staff Sgt. Luis A. Alfonso, 1st District
Gunnery Sgt. Sean N. McRae, 4th District
Gunnery Sgt. Donald L. Ogden, 6th District
Gunnery Sgt. Roberto E. Lopez, 8th District
Master Sgt. Robert J. Fritz, 9th District
Staff Sgt. Stennett W. Rey II, 12th District



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Some pack Halloween costumes.

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Depot poops out in varsity play against Miramar

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Marine wins at 29th Marine Corps Marathon

BY CPL. J. AGG
Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Veteran All-Marine runner Capt. Mary Kate Bailey recently became the first Marine to win the women's division of "The Peoples' Marathon" in Arlington, Va., since 1st Lt. Joanna Martin accomplished the feat in 1979. Retta Feyissa, a New York resident from Ethiopia, won the men's division. Bailey, a Long Island, N.Y., native, pulled away from her competition to run the final 12 miles of the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon unchallenged with a time of 2 hours, 48 minutes and 31 seconds. Lt. Cmdr. Kimberly Fagan, of San Diego, Calif., placed second at 2:51:17, and Suzanne Clemmer, of Gastonia, N.C., who won the Grandfather Mountain Marathon, Virginia Creeper Marathon and Charlotte Marathon earlier in 2004, finished third in 2:59:11.

Feyissa, who finished in 2:25:35 to claim the overall win, exchanged the lead with Terrance Shea of Rochester, Mich., for the final two and a half miles before Shea dropped behind to finish second in 2:25:57. Christopher Juarez of San Antonio finished third in 2:26:03.

Bailey, whose three brothers, all Marine officers, were on hand to offer support during and after the race, said the memory of her father, also a Marine and Vietnam War veteran, helped to keep her motivated throughout the race.

"My father is buried at Arlington," said Bailey. "He was in the back of my mind."



Maj. Joe Fagan gets a blanket from 2nd Lt. Curtis Thomas of The Basic School after finishing the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon. Fagan was one of seven runners who collectively raised more than \$300,000 for multiple sclerosis research by participating in "The People's Marathon." Toni L. Sandys

Bailey also praised the efforts of the Marines who worked in support of the marathon.

"The Marines out there are giving awesome support," said Bailey.

Bailey's older brother, Maj. Farrell Sullivan, a project officer for the Marine Corps Combat Development Command Concepts Branch here, said attending the marathon to support Bailey was extremely important for her family.

"We've been a tight family for a long time," said Sullivan. "Dad was a Marine and was hurt in Vietnam, [and] he was a huge inspiration for all of us. We have always wanted to do well for him. It's about doing good for the Marine Corps and our family."

Sullivan said his sister's success at this year's Marine Corps Marathon was also fueled by her personal dedication to being the best in every endeavor.

"She has the will and determination to succeed," said Sullivan. "It's the kind of determination you don't see in normal people. She is a very focused person who takes a lot of pride in what she does."

Sullivan also said he could not have been more proud of his sister as the first representative of the Marine Corps to win the women's division of the race in 25 years.

"This is huge for the Marine Corps," said Sullivan. "My first thought was, 'Yeah, that's my sister.' I couldn't have been more emotionally touched if I had crossed the finish line myself. The amount of pride I felt was overwhelming."



Col. Tom Bright, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., places a first-place medal on Capt. Mary Kate Bailey. Bailey, from Long Island, N.Y., and currently stationed at Quantico, Va., was the first female finisher with a time of 2:48:31 during the 29th annual Marine Corps Marathon Sunday. She is the first Marine to win the marathon since 1979. Kimberly Fagen, from San Diego, Calif., came in second with a time of 2:51:17. Lance Cpl. Christopher Roberts



Lt. Cmdr Robert Bryant, combat systems officer of the nuclear submarine USS Salt Lake City, explains the navigation systems and other qualities to Support Battalion officers during a tour of the sub at Point Loma Naval Submarine Base. Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron

Support Bn. leaders learn about nuclear sub warfare

BY PFC. DORIAN M. GARDNER
Chevron staff

A handful of officers and noncommissioned officers from Recruit Training Regiment's Support Battalion boarded the nuclear submarine USS Salt Lake City for military education at Point Loma Naval Submarine Base in San Diego Nov. 3.

The submarine's combat systems officer, Lt. Cmdr. Robert Bryant, guided the tour and shared the Salt Lake City's history and capabilities.

Bryant said submarine warfare plays a large part in the nation's defense and its capabilities are far superior to what they used to be.

"Not many people get to go aboard a nuclear attack sub, so this was actually a pretty cool experience," said Capt. Chad R. French, Support Bn. operations officer.

The Marines toured the navigation chamber, the torpedo room, the captain's chamber and the mess hall.

"Being on a submarine for six months at a time is something the sailors have to adjust to," said Bryant, referring to the cramped 400 feet that more than 130 sailors share.

Though Support Bn.'s Sgt. Francisco Martinez said he could never get used to sub life, he was pleased to make the visit.

"It was an outstanding opportunity for the Marines to be able to see something like that," said Martinez.

LEGAL

Military criminal law for Marines

1ST LT. C. C. McLEOD,
U.S. Marine Corps Reserves

The purpose of any system of criminal law is to define and minimize socially intolerable conduct. A crime is any social harm defined by law and made punishable by the government in a judicial proceeding in its own name. Because acts or omissions, by themselves, do not constitute criminality, it is necessary to inspect the consequences that occur as the result of criminal conduct. By the longstanding standards of American military justice, the accused's acts or omissions must impair a social interest.

Basic to the American theory of justice is the principle that there can be no punishment for harmful conduct, unless some law in existence at the time of the act prohibited the conduct. Thus, some social harms are not crimes. In the military, conduct that is harmful to military society has been defined by Congress in its enactment of a federal statute, the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The President of the United States further defines these offenses by means of an executive order.

The needs of society ultimately determine what conduct will be outlawed. The military has long been recognized as a society that is separate and distinct from American civilian society.

Because of the factors differentiating military from civilian society, Congress is permitted to legislate with greater breadth and flexibility when prescribing rules for the former than when prescribing rules for the latter.

Take, for example, the First Amendment right to free speech. In the armed forces, some restrictions exist for reasons that have no counterpart in the civilian community. Disrespectful and contemptuous speech, and perhaps even advocacy of violent change, is tolerable in the civilian community, for it does not directly affect the capacity of the government to discharge its responsibilities unless it is both directed to inciting imminent lawless action and is likely to produce such action. In military life, however, other considerations must be weighed. The armed forces depend on a command structure that at times must commit and deploy men and women to combat zones, not only hazarding their lives, but also ultimately involving the security of the nation itself. Speech that is protected in the civil population may nonetheless undermine the effectiveness of instant obedience to orders or unhesitating response to command. If such speech is found to undermine unit efficiency, it is constitutionally unprotected.

Therefore, military needs for preparedness, security, discipline, and morale may require criminalization of conduct that is tolerated in civilian society. Military justice is a system of law that expects more of the individual in the context of a broader variety of relationships than one finds in civilian life. Therefore, military justice includes not only common law crimes (such as larceny and assault), but also purely military offenses (such as disrespect and unauthorized absence).

Through the elaborate system of military justice that Congress has provided to service members, and the consistency and rationality of commanders in applying that law, recruit-training facilities nationwide, and particularly our own depot, are able to produce the efficient and effective military organization the United States needs and demands for its defense.





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Minutes from the Single Marine Program meeting

The Single Marine Program meets semi-monthly to create activities and opportunities for the single Marines, sailors and geographical bachelors at the depot. For more information or to make recommendations, contact coordinator Britney O'Connor at oconnorbe@usmc-mcscs.org or at (619) 524-8240.

Next meeting Nov. 17 in library

- SMP Marines will conduct its annual visit to the Veterans Administration hospital in La Jolla, Calif., Tuesday. Transportation will leave the recreation center at 10 a.m. The uniform will be service "C."
- A Halo 2 X-Box tournament on the big screen televisions will start with free food and beverages Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the recreation center. Four-person depot active duty teams can earn \$200 for first prize or \$100 for second prize. Organizers need to know which participants have a copy of the game.
- Sign up by Monday for the special military appreciation taping of "The Best Damn Sports Show Period!" in Los Angeles Nov. 18. Some audience members will receive prizes. SMP transportation will depart the depot at 9:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. Men must wear collared shirts and closed-toed shoes. No shorts. Spaces are very limited.
- The depot's SMP will compete against West Coast Marine Corps bases and some Navy bases in the 3rd annual West Coast Paintball Persecution Nov. 20 at Mr. Paintball in Escondido Park. Action goes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$25. Each five-man team, plus one alternate, can have a maximum of one civilian. Organizers need to tally those who are interested and those who have equipment. Teams need to register and pay by Monday: \$25 single Marine, \$35 married Marine, \$55 civilian.

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Cammies in order

Depot Marines and sailors have begun wearing the utility uniform Saturdays through Wednesdays and the Summer Service "C" uniform Thursdays and Fridays. During weeks in which there is no recruit graduation, the utility uniform will be worn the entire week.

Personnel will wear the woodland utility uniform from November through April and the desert utility uniform from May through October.

USO hosts traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner

The USO Council of San Diego will host its traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner Nov. 25 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the downtown center on the corner of 3rd and A Streets. The complimentary feast features baked turkey and all the trimmings. Guests can enter the drawing for free turkeys.

The downtown center will open its doors at the regularly scheduled 11 a.m. but will close early at 7:00 p.m. All active duty service members are encouraged to bring their families and/or friends to enjoy the free Thanksgiving Day meal. After dinner, the large-screen televisions in the living room areas of the center will feature football and additional snacks until closing.

The entire meal is possible through the efforts of volunteers who give their time to make others feel at home in San Diego. Please call the downtown USO for more information at (619) 235-6503.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program

One-day workshops for the PREP program Fiscal 2005 are available every other month (Dec. 1, Feb. 16, April 27, June 22, Aug. 24) Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center, Bldg. 111.

PREP teaches couples how to communicate effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship, as well as solve problems and manage disagreements. Active duty members and their spouses or fiancés, as well as civilian depot employees, are invited to attend. Priority will be given to active duty members and their spouses or fiancés.

Space is limited, and child care is available. Please sign up no later than one week before a workshop.

For more information, call the Family Team Building office at (619) 524-0916 or (888) 718-3027.

Toys for Tots

Each year the Marine Corps Reserve fulfills the Christmas dreams of millions of the nation's neediest children. Sadly, gifts al-

ways run out long before we run out of children. Please help your fellow Marines, who conduct the annual Toys for Tots Program, by donating to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Look for us in the Children's Charities Section of the Combined Federal Campaign No. 1591.

Sportsman's Club

The Sportsman's Club of Camp Pendleton, Calif., is now open to depot personnel, active duty, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense employees. The club promotes and enriches hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Officials hold club meetings the second Tuesday of every month at Building 25264 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton at 6:30 p.m. For more information, check out the club Web site at <http://thesportsmansclub.netfirms.com>, or call Master Sgt. John Cullen at (760) 725-7537 or e-mail him at cullenjr@pendleton.usmc.mil.

Photo contest

The deadline for the 43rd Annual Naval and Maritime Photo Contest is Dec. 31. The contest, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, recognizes outstanding photographers for their work on a naval or maritime theme.

Photos must be of a naval or nautical subject, not limited to calendar year of contest. Winning photographs have ranged from a dory at Mystic Seaport to Marines on ship.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Winning photographs will be published in the April 2005 issue of Proceedings magazine.

Winners will also receive a one-year membership in the Naval Institute, and the following cash prizes: First place: \$500, second place: \$350, third place: \$250, honorable mentions: \$100 (15 awards).

Go to www.navalinstitute.org and select Contests on the site map for complete contest rules.

Leaders requested to promote climate survey

The Marine Corps Climate Survey is a Marine Corps-wide survey that measures perceptions of organization and command climate, as well as experiences of discrimination and sexual harassment. The survey is sponsored by the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

The success of efforts in evaluating these areas depends on the individual Marine, regardless of rank, ethnicity or gender.

Approximately 11,000 active duty Marines and 9,000 Marine reserv-

ists have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. For the data to be valid, it is important that those Marines complete and return it.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed for differences among ethnic groups, between male and female Marines and between officers and enlisted personnel.

Leaders at all levels are asked to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate and complete the survey. The survey addresses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

Depot blood drive and safety stand down

There will be a blood drive and safety stand-down Nov. 23 at McDougall Hall. The blood drive starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Mexico border area liberty policy violation update

The San Diego Police Department routinely conducts Operation Safe Crossing with the help of various local law enforcement agencies. Operation Safe Crossing is designed to deter underage drinking in Tijuana, Mexico.

All military personnel without their armed forces identification cards will be denied entry into Mexico.

San Diego police will arrest anyone regardless of age coming back from Tijuana, who is too intoxicated to take care of himself. Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol will maintain a visual presence and assist SDPD upon request in handling or taking custody of any military personnel.

Mexico liberty policies

Marine Corps Regional Order 1050 requires that all Marines, lance corporal and below, have an out of bounds chit to go to Mexico. Regional order 1050 applies to all Marine personnel assigned here.

For more information, senior enlisted personnel and officers may contact Mac Celso Rubalcaba via e-mail at rubalcaba.celso@otc.cnrsw.navy.mil or (619) 428-2427 or 1318.

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Code Talkers

THEIR CODE WAS NEVER BROKEN

Why Navajo?

The idea to use Navajo for secure communications came from Philip Johnston, the son of a missionary to the Navajos and one of the few non-Navajos who spoke their language fluently. Johnston, reared on the Navajo reservation, was a World War I veteran who knew of the military's search for a code that would withstand all attempts to decipher it. He also knew that Native American languages — notably Choctaw — had been used in World War I to encode messages.

Johnston believed Navajo answered the military requirement for an undecipherable code because Navajo is an unwritten language of extreme complexity. Its syntax and tonal qualities, not to mention dialects, make it unintelligible to anyone without extensive exposure and training. It has no alphabet or symbols, and is spoken only on the Navajo lands of the American Southwest.

Creating a Code

Early in 1942, Johnston met with Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel, the commanding general of Amphibious Corps, Pacific Fleet, and his staff to convince them of the Navajo language's value as code. Johnston staged tests under simulated combat conditions, demonstrating that Navajos could encode, transmit, and decode a three-line English message in 20 seconds. Convinced, Vogel recommended to the Commandant of the Marine Corps that the Marines recruit 200 Navajos.

In 1942, there were about 50,000 Navajo

tribe members. As of 1945, about 540 Navajos served as Marines. Between 375 to 420 of those trained as code talkers; the rest served in other capacities.

In May 1942, the first 29 Navajo recruits attended boot camp. Then, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., this first group created the Navajo code. They developed a dictionary and numerous words for military terms. The dictionary and all code words had to be memorized during training. Once a Navajo code talker completed his training, he was sent to a Marine unit deployed in the Pacific theater.

The Navajo Code Talker's Dictionary

When a Navajo code talker received a message, what he heard was a string of seemingly unrelated Navajo words. The code talker first had to translate each Navajo word into its English equivalent. Then he used only the first letter of the English equivalent in spelling. Thus, the Navajo words "wol-la-chee" (ant), "be-la-sana" (apple) and "tse-nill" (axe) all stood for the letter "A." One way to say the word "Navy" in Navajo code would be "tsah" (needle) wol-la-chee (ant) ah-keh-di-glini (victor) tsah-ah-dzoh (yucca)."

Not all words had to be spelled out letter by letter. The developers of the original code assigned Navajo words to represent about 450 frequently used military terms that did not exist in the Navajo language. Several examples: "besh-lo" (iron fish) meant "submarine," "dah-he-tih-hi" (hummingbird) meant "fighter plane" and "de-beh-li-zine" (black street) meant "squad."

Success in the Pacific

Praise for their skill, speed and accuracy accrued throughout the war. At Iwo Jima, Maj. Howard Connor, 5th Marine Division signal officer, declared, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima." Connor had six Navajo code talkers working around the clock during the first two days of the battle. Those six sent and received more than 800 messages, all without error.

The Japanese, who were skilled code breakers, remained baffled by the Navajo language. The Japanese chief of intelligence, Lt. Gen. Seizo Arisue, said that while they were able to decipher the codes used by the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps, they never cracked the code used by the Marines.


Department of Defense Honors Navajo Veterans

Long unrecognized because of the continued value of their language as a security classified code, the Navajo code talkers of World War II were honored for their contributions to defense on Sept. 17, 1992, at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Thirty-five code talkers, all veterans of the U.S. Marine Corps, attended the dedication of the Navajo code talker exhibit. The exhibit includes a display of photographs, equipment and the original code, along with an explanation of how the code worked.

Source: Department of the Navy

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ORIGINS of 'OORAH!'

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL W. HIRSEMAN III
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

"Oorah!"

Marines hear it each and every day. Ingrained into Marine minds since boot camp, this distinctly Marine call is barked back and forth in an almost endless stream of motivation. However, take a step back and ask that Marine, "Where did 'oorah' come from exactly?"

The answer is rarely the same. Countless stories abound regarding the mysterious origins of our beloved phrase.

However, unlike many Marine traditions, "oorah" is rather new. As any veteran of the past 50 years would say, no Marine before 1950 could be found saying it. The true popularization of the word came in the '80s and '90s, when it fully emerged from the murky secrecy of Marine reconnaissance through drill instructors and by other means into use by Marines around the world.

"As far as I had been told, 'oorah' simply means 'let's kill,'" said Staff Sgt. Hugo Monroy, a Parris Island drill instructor. "As far as its origin, I really don't know. I always assumed it was simply a Marine tradition that was passed down from Marine to Marine."

The stories of "oorah's" origins range from the logical to the absurd, including stories such as it being Turkish for kill, which is in fact öldürmek, or even simply a direct counter against the Army's "hooah."

But where did the word really come from? Marines and historians have determined that the true origins of "oorah" lie with recon Marines stationed in Korea in 1953. During this time, Marines in the 1st Amphibious Reconnaissance Co. found themselves traveling via submarine to where they were needed. The memorable call of "Dive! Dive!" would be called on the intercom and a klaxon alarm, which made a very distinct "aarugha" sound, would announce the descent of the sub.

The recon Marines, who heard this sound often, started using it as a motivational tool during runs and physical training. Over time, the word "aarugha" came to be too much of a mouthful, and eventually molded itself into the familiar "oorah," according to Maj. Gary Marte, a retired Marine.

Confirmation for this version of the story rests with the official Marine Corps Training Reference Manual on the history of Marine recon, titled "Aarugha;" the manual gives credence on the origination of the phrase with reconnaissance Marines.

"Oorah" is just one of the things that separates Marines from any other branch of service and has become a part of our lasting history.

"It is the traditions – the history – that makes Marines stand out," said Aulton Kohn, Parris Island Museum information receptionist. "The stories passed from drill instructor to recruit, and from Marine to Marine, add the color to the Corps."

Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



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TRIP TO THE STRIP

Single Marines visit Vegas for Halloween

BY CPT. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Flashing neon lights towered above the Marines' heads as they journeyed down the famous strip. Step-right-ups and come-on-ins beckoned from every casino doorframe. Sin City's shuffling cards and clanking roulette balls resounded through the night.

The depot's Single Marine Program went to Las Vegas Oct. 29-31 for Halloween and some weekend rest and relaxation.

The nine Marines and SMP coordinator Britney O'Connor assaulted the neon-lit strip of Las Vegas Boulevard for a weekend of sightseeing, gambling, dancing and barhopping.

"It was awesome," said Lance Cpl. Aaron Grieger, a depot network administrator, Communications Information Systems Department. "Everyone had a great time."

The travelers arrived in Las Vegas by van at about 4 p.m. and checked into the Bourbon Street Hotel and Casino just off the strip. The Marines ate pizza for dinner and set off for the heart of Sin City.

Like a small melting pot, people from all walks lined the streets: bachelorette parties, Eastern European tour groups sporting Halloween costumes two days early, and a copper-painted man in a suit dancing the robot for tips.

The first stop was New York New York Hotel and Casino. The Marines settled in at \$10 blackjack tables and made their wagers alongside chain-smoking widows with too much lipstick and drunken construction workers, losing what could have been a week's pay. But the Marines were disciplined. They soon left the gaming tables and ventured into

the Nine Fine Irishmen Pub.

Inside the pub, a four-piece Celtic band rocked the crowd by putting an Irish spin on popular songs and oldies while Big Ray served the suds from behind the bar. In that pub, everyone could Riverdance, or they tried, and no one seemed to mind.

"The Irish pub was my favorite place we went," said Grieger. "Everyone was dancing and drinking and singing along. It was really cool."

The next night was a repeat of the last, but this time some of the Marines donned Halloween costumes. Grieger and Cpl. Erik Hetrick, depot Management Information Unit chief, dressed up like the Blues Brothers. Hetrick was Jake, and Grieger was Elwood. They finished pasting their homemade sideburns to each other's faces and hit the strip like celebrities on a red carpet. People smiled as they passed and made comments. A group of foreigners even stopped Hetrick and Grieger to take a photo.

"I loved having people yell out, 'It's the Blues Brothers,'" said Grieger. "It felt like we were famous."

The majority of the group ended up at the Nine Fine Irishmen again to finish out the night – same band, same songs, same beer – but the celebration continued.

The Marines left Las Vegas the next morning after breakfast in the hotel restaurant and headed West.

"SMP is great because it allows Marines to get out and have fun together," said Grieger. "This trip only cost \$50, and they do stuff like this all the time."

For more information on SMP events, call O'Connor at (619) 524-8240.



Lance Cpl. Robert Fleagle, combat photographer, Combat Visual Information Center, enjoys the sights while other Marines get money from an ATM.



Hetrick and Grieger cruise down Flamingo Avenue on their way to Las Vegas Boulevard.



Lance Cpl. Aaron Grieger and Cpl. Erik Hetrick dressed as the Blues Brothers for Halloween. Grieger was Elwood and Hetrick was Jake. The two Marines got lots of attention as they walked down Las Vegas Boulevard completely in character. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos*



Fancy fountains line Las Vegas Boulevard.



Grieger tries his luck on a slot machine at the New York New York Hotel and Casino on Las Vegas Boulevard.



Hetrick glues a fake sideburn on Grieger's face before celebrating Halloween. They bought a bag of fake hair to sculpt their own sideburns.

Top Marines in 5 fields honored

BY LANCE CPL. CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS
Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Five Marines from around the Corps were selected as “best of the best” in their fields during a ceremony Nov. 2 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Corps officials announced the Recruiter, Drill Instructor, School of Infantry Instructor, Marine Security Guard and Career Planner of the Year.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego’s Staff Sgt. Jean-Yonel Ulceus beat out Staff Sgt. Dan Ryley from MCRD Parris Island, S.C., for Drill Instructor of the Year.

“It is an honor, but I can’t lose sight of what got me here,” said Ulceus. “I’m blessed for being surrounded by great people. You have no choice but to elevate your own style.”

“As leaders, recruiters, prior service recruiters, drill instructors, Marine combat instructors, Marine security guards and career retention specialists are without equal,” said Master Sgt. Gideon Rogers, narrating the ceremony. “These extraordinary Marines continue to lead, shape, and build the future of our Corps.”

Before making their way to Quantico, Marines first had to be nominated for selection from individual units to compete for selection as the best of their base, district or detachment.

Following the initial competition, Marines then competed for top honors by going before a board of sergeants

major for selection as the Marine Corps’ finest in their respective fields.

“I am very, very proud of my son,” said Lilia Polendey, mother of Gunnery Sgt. Michael B. Polendey, who was named Marine Security Guard of the Year and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank. “He works very hard and it is a great honor for him to get recognized for everything that he has dedicated his life toward achieving.”

Other awards also went to the Marine nominees from various outside organizations.

“I couldn’t ask for anything better,” said Gunnery Sgt. Stennett W. Rey II, winner of the Prior Service Recruiter of the Year award. “I really appreciated the recognition from the other organizations. All of the Marines at the ceremony were definitely deserving for all of the their hard work.”

During the ceremony, most of the Marines were meritoriously promoted to the next rank, and were awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and other individual awards from various Marine Corps sponsored organizations.

“Through perseverance, hard work, and superior knowledge, they aggressively enlisted, trained, and retained quality men and women the Marine Corps needed to remain a strong, combat-ready force,” said Rogers. “Their stellar performance is an inspiration to all and has earned them this well deserved recognition.”

Marines recognized as the Corps’ “Best of the Best,” FY ‘04

Nominees for Drill Instructor of the Year:

***Staff Sgt. Jean Ulceus,**
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.
Staff Sgt. Dan Ryley,
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Career Planner of the Year

****Gunnery Sgt. Thomas P. Boyle,**
Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Security Guard of the Year

***Staff Sgt. Michael B. Polendey,**
Detachment Karachi, Pakistan.

Nominees for Recruiter of the Year

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Lanski, 1st District
Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Locke II, 4th District
***Staff Sgt. Patrick S. Miller,** 6th District
Staff Sgt. Beau A. Yaddie, 8th District
Staff Sgt. Jose C. Vasquez, 9th District
Staff Sgt. Jonathan E. Flick, 12th District

Nominees for Prior Service Recruiter of the Year

Staff Sgt. Luis A. Alfonso, 1st District
Gunnery Sgt. Sean N. McRae, 4th District
Gunnery Sgt. Donald L. Ogden, 6th District
Gunnery Sgt. Roberto E. Lopez, 8th District
Master Sgt. Robert J. Fritz, 9th District
***Staff Sgt. Stennett W. Rey II,** 12th District

Nominees for Marine Corps Instructor of the Year

***Sgt. Tony M. Adams,**
School of Infantry Instructor, East
Staff Sgt. David T. Wavra,
School of Infantry Instructor, West.

** Earned award and meritorious promotion.
** Earned award only*

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The Recruiter of the Year is Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Miller from Recruiting Substation St. Petersburg, Recruiting Station Orlando, 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District. Miller was selected for his ability to consistently exceed his mission during adverse times. Miller recruited in a region of central Florida devastated by two months of the worst hurricane season Florida had seen in more than 100 years. During those two months, Miller was still able to bring in nine of his 39 contracts.

“We had four hurricanes pass through, and that caused a lot of people to board up and leave the area, which seriously hampered our recruiting efforts. But as Marines do all over the world, we endured and did what we were supposed to do to get the job done,” said the 27-year-old native of Corning, Ark. “I am here because I love being a Marine. When a recruiter gets up in the morning and puts on the uniform, enthusiasm is everything. The right attitude can help you succeed and overcome adversity.”

The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, represented the Commandant of the Marine Corps at the Commandant of the Marine Corps Combined Awards Ceremony. He was on hand to honor Miller along with top performing drill instructors, combat instructors, Marine security guards and career retention specialists.

“Outstanding job recruiters,” said Estrada. “Without your leadership and outstanding efforts – along with the efforts of your fellow recruiters – we would not have the superior personnel within our ranks that we have, and even more so, we would not have a Marine Corps. It all begins with you.”

This year marked the first time the top Prior Service Recruiter was honored as part of the Commandant of the Marine Corps Combined Awards ceremony. The Prior Service Recruiter of the Year is Staff Sgt. Stennett Rey II from the 12th District. A competitive bodybuilder and Marine Corps martial arts instructor, Rey said his secret to successful recruiting is mindset.

“I am successful because I apply all the basics that they give us at Recruiters School along with maintaining a hard working attitude,” said Rey, a native of Queens, N.Y. “I want to stay in the top 5 percent of prior service recruiters, maybe

even become a career recruiter some day so I can pass on what I’ve learned to new recruiters to help make their tours successful.”

In a separate ceremony, MCRC selected Gunnery Sgt. Sean Spatar, from RSS Hicksville, RS New York, 1st District, as SNOIC of the Year. Spatar was selected for his talent, leadership and performance that led to his four-man RSS achieving 112 percent of its contracting mission and 117 percent of its shipping mission in fiscal 2004.

“My success is attributed to the good old-fashioned Marine Corps leadership traits from the fleet and the caliber of Marines working under me,” said the Logan, Ohio native.

MCRC also honored the top Transitional Recruiters of the Year, Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Donald, 2nd Transitional Recruiting Office, Beaufort, S.C. Donald faced the challenge of convincing Marines leaving the Corps to maintain a connection through the Selected Marine Corps Reserve.

“The reason we selected Gunnery Sgt. Donald was because he was able to perform in a small market like Beaufort and outperformed his counterparts working at the much larger bases,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Preston E. Ford, MCRC career recruiter specialist. “He also was able to retain a number of highly trained Marines from the aviation community which is valuable and important to the Corps.”

Donald came into the Marine Corps in 1983 and served four years before leaving to pursue his dream of playing professional football. However, an injury in college ended his football aspirations and brought him back into the fold of the Corps, which he realized he missed.

“I found when I got out of the Marine Corps that I missed the camaraderie and opportunities for leadership that the Marine Corps provided. So I came back in and excelled,” said Donald, a Jacksonville, Fla., native. “Now, when I talk to Marines, I share my experience with transitioning once before. Marines come through my door dead-set about getting out and leave with a more cautious approach to transitioning.”

All of the award finalists received Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals as well as other awards and gifts from various Marine Corps affiliated organizations.



Gunnery Sgt. Stennett W. Rey II, 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District, receives a framed copy of his meritorious promotion warrant from Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada. Rey was selected as the 2004 Prior Service Recruiter of the Year.

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

NO ROLE MODELS

A murdered brother and a killed friend shaped Co. G’s honor graduate

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

Friends and family came over to offer condolences for his family’s loss, but he would have none of it. The 12-year-old boy locked himself in his room and stayed silent.

“I was quiet and listened to others,” said Lance Cpl. Chukwuma F. Onyejiaka, Platoon 2022, Company G. “When my brother passed away, I changed. I started doing things the way I thought they should be done.”

His older brother Leonard N. Onyejiaka, 14 years old at the time, was murdered with poison. It was all part of a family feud gone too far.

“He tried to take charge,” Chukwuma said of his brother. “He led from the front and tried to solve the families problems.”

A younger 4-foot-6-inch tall brother was now trying to pick up where his older 6-foot tall brother left off.

They were close in age, and Leonard took his little brother places and built a brotherly bond. Chukwuma was different with his little brothers.

“I push my brothers away,” he said. “So if something happens to me, they won’t feel the same way (I did). I feel I should have been the one to die — not him.”

His two younger brothers have a bond Chukwuma feels is similar to the one he had with his older brother.

“I tell them not to be so close (to each other),” said Chukwuma. “They thought I was just being mean.”

After living in Aba, Nigeria, for 12 years, Chukwuma moved with his family to Houston where he has lived for the last six years.

His father made it clear that Chukwuma was to put academics ahead of extracurricular activities his entire life.

“I didn’t play sports or join clubs,” he said. “I thought only of going to college.”

He earned an academic scholarship to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., but found another dream to pursue.

When Chukwuma started high school in Houston, he discovered Junior ROTC.

According to Sgt. Victor Esparza, his recruiter from Recruiting Substation Westheimer, Texas, the students within Chukwuma’s school district are bused to different schools for the JROTC program of their choice.

Chukwuma traveled to Alief Hastings High School because of his interest in the Marine Corps JROTC program.

Chukwuma befriended JROTC student commander Christopher Roy.

“He told me that he has wanted to be a Marine his entire life,” Chukwuma said. “He came from a Marine family. He wanted to follow in his dad’s footsteps.”

Roy saw Chukwuma Onyejiaka’s anger and helped him deal with it.

“Use your anger to do something positive, is basically what he was telling



Nigerian born Lance Cpl. Chukwuma F. Onyejiaka, Company G honor man, lost his older brother to murder by poison and his best friend to a drunk driver. Chukwuma said he tried to take care of fellow recruits in the vein of his role models. *Cpl. Edward R. Guevara/Chevron*

me,” said Chukwuma.

Roy was never able to attain his dream of becoming a Marine. A drunk driver killed him two months before he was scheduled to leave for recruit training.

“His death made me more upset,” he said. “He was the only person who I could relate to. Now I had nobody. I was by myself again.”

Chukwuma took what he had learned from Roy and assumed Roy’s JROTC commander responsibilities.

“I saw him as a role model, a big brother and a friend,” he said. “He always told me that if you put other’s needs before yours and they see that, they’ll help you when you need it without you having to ask.”

Chukwuma continues with his life, showing signs of influence from both his brother and his friend.

According to Chukwuma, he tries to take care of everyone like Roy did. When he took over as commander, his team did the best they had in the previous seven years.

His JROTC experience made him an ideal candidate for enlistment in the Marine Corps.

“He is probably the best guy I have put in the Marine Corps,” said Esparza. “He did a lot of community service. He was well known within the community and was a good role model.”

Esparza talked with Chukwuma’s drill instructors and kept tabs on his progress throughout recruit training.

His progress reached its pinnacle when he was declared Company G’s honor man. The best recruit out of hundreds within the company.

His attitude helped make this possible.

“The way I look at life is, why settle for less when you can give more to get more,” he said. “I try to set the example for the platoon. I keep pushing when times are hard.”

Chukwuma Onyejiaka makes it clear that potential recruits should join for the right reasons.

“I’m not doing this for the school or money,” he said. “I don’t expect an award from the Marine Corps. People should come here to help their country and others.”



Senior drill instructor Gunnery Sgt. Jesse Donely, far right, leads Platoon 2017 after the men finished the 2.5-mile strength and endurance course. Pfc Dorian M. Gardner/Chevron

GOLF COMPANY



COMPANY HONORMAN
Lance Cpl. C. F. Onyejiaka
Houston
Recruited by
Sgt. V. Esparza



SERIES HONORMAN
Pfc. E. M. Luna
Harvard, Ill.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. F. Vandooren



PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. C. D. Mince
Provo, Utah
Recruited by
Sgt. D. Beckel



PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. J. J. Serio
New York City
Recruited by
Sgt. J. Clark



PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. C. K. Welch
Plymouth, Minn.
Recruited by
Sgt. A. Lappe



PLATOON HONORMAN
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Anaheim, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. U. Jackson



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Pfc. J.L. Altamiranosoto
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Recruited by
Sgt. Puccini



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Marksmanship Instructor:
Sgt. N. A. Mitchell

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Staff Sgt. D.L. Barrett

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Pvt. C.S. Anderson
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Pvt. J.M. Davis
Pvt. J.J. Davis
Pvt. D.W. Dawson
Pvt. I. Domashuk
Pfc. P.K. Douglas
Pfc. B.M. Elliott
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Pvt. H.J. Frederiksen
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Pvt. H.C. Lindemann
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*Pfc. E.M. Luna
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Pvt. J.R. Mooi
Pvt. M.C. Morris
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Pvt. J. Murillo Corona
Pvt. H.A. Ortiz
Pvt. O.J. Perez
Pfc. F. Reyes

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Pfc. T.E. McWhirter
Pvt. L.A. Mills
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Gunnery Sgt. A. T. Leal

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Pvt. S.N. Smith

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Staff Sgt. J. Angulo
Staff Sgt. K. A. Mobley

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Pvt. A.L. Adam
Pvt. D.J. Agold
Pvt. S.L. Aguilar-Santiago
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Pfc. A.W. Beaver
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Pvt. D.C. Butler
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Pvt. S.E. Creeley
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Pvt. J.T. Fajardo
Pvt. M.A. Galvan
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Pvt. S.J. Henderson
Pvt. Z.S. Henke
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Pvt. D.R. Hudson
Pvt. N.D. Inchcliff
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Pvt. A.I. Kelly
Pfc. T.J. Knight
Pvt. C.G. Kopp
Pvt. G.B. Lim
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Pvt. J.L. Harris

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Golf Company answered Chevron's random questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What's your favorite sports team?



Pfc. Jon Daniels
Edmond, Okla.

A: O.U. because it's my home state and they are pretty good.

Q: What did you miss most from civilian life?



Pvt. Clark S. Anderson
Grinnell, Iowa

A: I miss being able to just sit and take my time eating.

Q: What's the best MRE?



Pfc. Steven Hidalgo Jr.
Houston

A: Which ever one is the easiest to stuff all in your mouth at once.

Q: Describe living with a diverse group.



Pvt. Gabriel A. Chavez
San Pablo, Calif.

A: Difficult at first but it gets better when they grow on you and you treat them like brothers.

Q: How did you do on the rifle range?



Pvt. Chad Brooks
Woodbury, Minn.

A: Well, I got expert. Need I say more?



Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Chase (Ret.)

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Sergeant Major Kenneth Chase entered the Marine Corps in August, 1940 and completed recruit training Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island South Carolina. Immediately following recruit training, he was sent into combat and saw action on Guadalcanal and New Britain during WWII.

Chase later served at the landing at Inchon and the historic withdrawal of the 1st Marine Division from the Chosin Reservoir in Korea. During these actions, he earned the Purple Heart medal for wounds sustained in actions against the enemy.

Chase also served in Vietnam, including an assignment as sergeant major with the 5th Marine Regiment during the Tet Offensive in the Republic of Vietnam.

While serving in Vietnam, he received the Bronze Star medal with a combat "V" for his actions against enemy forces.

In addition to his overseas service in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Chase also served tours of duty in Cuba, Okinawa, Hawaii and numerous other posts and stations throughout the continental United States. He also served as depot sergeant major for MCRD San Diego from July 1969 until his retirement in October 1970, after nearly 30 years on active duty.

In addition to Chase's Purple Heart and Bronze Star, his personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with bronze star, Combat Action ribbon, and the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with two stars.

He currently resides in Santee, California with his wife, the former Joan McCaffrey. They have three children, five grand children, and two great grand children.



Pvt. Anthony F. Amezcua comes down from a pull-up during the last portion of the 2.5 mile strength and endurance course. Pfc. Dorian M. Gardner



Depot empties sails in 2nd half

BY CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron Staff

The Marine Corps Air Station Miramar basketball team outlasted the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego hoopsters 81-67 in varsity play. “They were able to beat us because they knocked down the big shots,” said Depot shooting guard Staff Sgt. Jesse Bowman. Miramar took off to a 35-22 halftime lead and rolled from there. “We can win,” urged Depot coach Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Seward during an early second-half timeout. “It’s a new half; it’s a new game. Get physical.” Depot occasionally found a spark but couldn’t ignite. At one point in the second half, Depot climbed within five points, but Miramar hit a clutch shot and killed Depot’s momentum. Fatigue also factored into the loss. “We weren’t as deep as they were,” said Bowman. “They had a lot more players to fill in at positions, and our guys just got tired toward the end.” As time expired, Miramar drove the nail deep in the coffin when they hit two consecutive three-pointers. The 14-point loss was much steeper than Miramar’s edging in their pre-season scrimmage last month.



Depot’s Seaman K. Moore drives in the second half against the core of Miramar’s defense.



Depot coach Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Seward encourages his team in the second half.



Depot shooting guard Staff Sgt. Jesse Bowman throws up an old-school hook shot in the loss to Miramar. Bowman was fouled on the play. *Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos*